

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS : DOCKET NO. 5147
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE :
FILED BY SAINT FRANCIS de SALES PARISH :
NEW GENERATION :

ORDER

On April 15, 2021, Saint Francis de Sales Parish¹ (Company) filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (PUC) an application seeking certification for its St. Francis 250k GM Generation Unit, a 0.180 MW AC (0.249 MW DC) solar energy Generation Unit located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as an eligible New Renewable Energy Resource in accordance with the PUC's Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (Rules) and R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1.

The Company submitted supplemental and clarifying information to the PUC on May 19, 2021 regarding classification of company as a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation.

After examination, the PUC is of the opinion that the application is proper, reasonable, and in compliance with the Rules and hereby grants the Company certification as an eligible renewable energy resource pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-26-1.² The PUC's determination in this docket is based on the information submitted by the Company and the PUC may reverse its ruling or revoke the Company's certification if any material information provided by the Company proves to be false or misleading.

¹ The authorized representative was identified as Charles Kovacic, Project Manager, Astrum Solar dba Centrica, 3 Rosell Drive, Ballston Lake, NY 12019. Phone: 774-737-6085. Email: charles.kovacic@centrica.com.

² Pursuant to Section 2.6 and other relevant Sections of the Rules, a thirty-day period for public comment was provided during which time no such comments were received.

Accordingly, it is hereby

(24060) ORDERED:

1) The St. Francis 250k GM Generation Unit meets the requirements for eligibility as a New, Solar Renewable Energy Resource with its 0.180 MW AC (0.249 MW DC), Grid-Connected Generation Unit having a Commercial Operation Date not yet achieved³ and located within the NEPOOL control area in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

2) Eligibility is granted subject to the Company providing the PUC with written documentation verifying Commercial Operation Date and assignment of the Generation Unit's NEPOOL GIS Asset Identification Number designation by NEPOOL following achievement of Commercial Operation. Then, PUC staff is hereby authorized to assign a unique Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission Eligible Renewable Energy Resource Facility Certification Number for the Company's Generation Unit.

3) The facility's Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) become Rhode Island-eligible effective on the first day when the Rhode Island certification number is issued. All RECs associated with the production of eligible energy that are minted on or after the Effective Date are eligible for the Renewable Energy Standard.

4) Although the PUC will rely upon the NEPOOL GIS for verification of production of energy from the Company's Generation Unit certified as eligible in this Order, the Company will provide information and access as necessary to the PUC, or persons acting on its behalf, to conduct audits or site visits to assist in verification of continued eligibility for and compliance with Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard Certification at any time, at the PUC's discretion.

³ Anticipated Commercial Operation 6/1/2021.

5) The Company shall notify the PUC in the event of a change in the facility's eligibility status.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 26, 2021
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED
JUNE 3, 2021

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL: Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-5-1, any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the PUC may, within seven days from the date of the order, petition the Supreme Court for a Writ of Certiorari to review the legality and reasonableness of the decision or order.